

MPH Properties, LLC is a small company with 10 units. We do everything we can to work with our tenants when they find themselves unable to pay their rent. In our experience, people put paying their rent at the top of their priorities. As business owners, we have savings and the ability to manage our cash flow with other resources. Many tenants live paycheck to paycheck. Evicting them would make their financial troubles worse for them and for society. We have way too many individuals and families living on our streets, in cars, and in shacks that they've cobbled together. This is untenable. Let's not make Portland's homeless crisis worse when you have the option to extend protections to people who are housed.

We did receive funding from the Landlord Protection Fund for one tenant. It took several months before we were paid. Without multiple attempts to track the progress of the application, I don't know if we would have ever been paid. But I was extremely diligent. We have another tenant who applied for assistance, but as far as I know, their application is still pending. Tenants and landlords need to work together. The legislature needs to provide more time for the government assistance programs to be completed. And, more federal and state funding is needed to keep tenants in their homes and new homes provided for those who are currently homeless.

Thank you.  
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